88 has asked Government to enhance/review pay scales in the case of those draftsmen in MES who have filed the case in CAT, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the pay scales of draftmen have been reviewed by Government, as directed by the CAT Principal Bench;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when their pay scales are likely to be reviewed/enhanced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi in OA No. 1929/88 had directed the Government to place the applicants therein who were Draftsmen Grade I and Grade II in the revised scale of Rs. 550-750 and Rs. 425-700 (pre-revised) respectively, notionally with effect from 13-5-82 with actual benefit with effect from 1-11-1983. Necessary Government sanction in implementation of the CAT judgement was issued in April, 1992.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Sufficiency in defence production

3108. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present level of defence production is sufficient for the country or whether more defence production is reqired;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to set up new defence production units during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether any long term plan has been drawn in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) We have now a firm defence production base in the country comprising 39 ordnance factories, 8 defence public sector undertakings and the civil sector which is considered adequate to match the requirements of the defence forces. These units have the capability to adapt to meet the future demands. In view of adequate production facilities already available, there is no proposal at present to set up a new ordnance factory, but to cater to demands for new products some investments of balancing nature may have to be made.

New aircrafts obtained by I.A.F.

3109. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the new types of combat aircrafts that have been obtained by the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether these are sufficient to meet our present defence requirements;

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to see that our requirements are properly met; and

(d) whether these aircrafts have been imported and if so, from which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No new type of Combat aircraft has been inducted into the IAF during last 5 years.

(b) to (d) The Government continuously monitors the requirements of the Defence Services in the context of existing and anticipated threat and takes necessary measures to ensure adequate defence preparedness.

Unemployed ex-servicemen in Maharashtra

3110. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen still unemployed in Maharashtra;